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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN PRUCHASE ARGENTINIAN AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 2799, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 2782

1. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH PLANS TO SEND AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN TO BUENOS AIRES TO NEGOTIATE PRUCHASE OF UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF FMA 1A-58 PUCARA, ARGENTINIAN TWIN-ENGINE, TURBO-PROP, COUNTER-INSURGENCY (COIN) AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO KOCHMAN DECISION TO PURCHASE THIS PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT WAS MADE IN PARIS ON ADVICE OF THE FRENCH. FUNDING SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED BY SAUDI ARABIA.

2. KOCHMAN REPEATED WHAT PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TOLD ME AFTER THE DECEMBER 16 PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY (REPORTED SEPTEL) THAT GIRM FEELS IT IS AT THE MERCY OF AND BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY "PROFITEERING INTERNATIONAL ARMS MERCHANTS". KOCHMAN SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE IN GIRM HAS ANY IDEA OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE PUCARA AND ASKED IF WE COULD OBTAIN A BALL-PARK FIGURE WITH WHICH HE COULD OPEN NEGOTIATIONS. HE STATED HE WOULD HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN A FIGURE PROVIDED BY US THAN ONE OBTAINED THROUGH THE GIRM MINISTRIES FROM FRANCE.

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3. IF NO OBJECTION TO MY GIVING HIM THIS INFORMATION, CAN YOU PROVIDE IT BY RETURN IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM OR FAILING THAT, AUTHORIZE MY SEEKING INFORMATION FROM DAO BUENOS AIRES. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT SINCE MY ARRIVAL I HAVE HAD APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS OF TALKS WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF GIRM AND SUBJECT OF USG ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PRUCHASE OR ANY OTHER MILITARY PURCHASE HAS BEEN SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED.

4. KOCHMAN PLANS TO LEAVE FOR BUENOS AIRES NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22.

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